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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Paper No. 4,
please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and claim the
Applicants' invention.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 7 and 8.

Substitute the following claim 1 for the previously submitted claim 1.

(Amended) A pneumatic rubber tire having a carcass with circumferential rubber
tread and associated sidewalls, wherein said tread and a portion of said sidewalls, are of a lug and
groove configuration designed to be ground-contacting, wherein said lug and groove
configuration extends from said tread over at least thirty percent of the tire sidewall adjacent to
said tread and wherein

(A) the said lug and groove configuration of said sidewall is of a rubber composition
which comprises, based on 100 parts by weight rubber (phr),

(1) elastomers exclusive of trans 1,4-polybutadiene, 3,4-polyisoprene and

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